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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**  
**37 C.F.R §1.9(c) and 1.27(b) INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

I, Alfred Alasia, the below named inventor, hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c), for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office, with regard to the invention entitled:

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described and claimed in the previously filed application so entitled.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under Title 37 C.F.R. §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under Title 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed as [X] no such person, concern, or organization, [ ] persons, concerns or organizations listed below.\*

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] individual      [ ] small business concern      [ ] nonprofit organization

\*NOTE: Separate Verified Statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 C.F.R. §1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.28(b).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this statement is directed.

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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Alfred Alasia, the below named inventor, hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship is stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled:

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described and claimed in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that I do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application; that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application; that I acknowledge my continuing duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint Michael A. Slavin (Reg.No.34,016), Erik C. Swans on (Reg. No. 40,194), members of the Florida Bar, and Ferris H. Lander (Reg. No. 43,377), all of which are registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and members of the firm of McHALE & SLAVIN, P.A. having a mailing address of:

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as my attorneys with full power of substitute and revocation, to prosecute this application, and to transact all business in that Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. It is requested that all correspondence is directed to the above address.

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